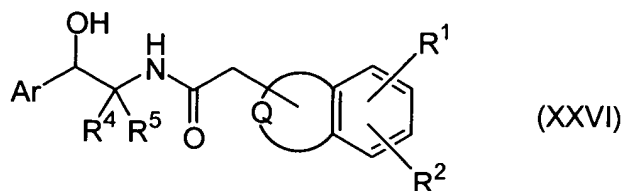


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Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 9, through line 15, with the following new paragraph:

As an alternative to Process (a), Process (b), Process (c) and Process (d), the compound of the formula (I-a) may be prepared by reduction of a compound of the formula (XXVI):



(wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^4 , R^5 , and Ar are as defined above, Q is the same as defined in the compound of the formula (I) except that W is replaced by a group of the formula: $ArCH(OH)CR^4(R^5)NHC(=O)CH_2-$).

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 2, through line 13, with the following new paragraph:

Relative divergence between EC_{50} value of human β_3 -stimulating activity and EC_{50} values value
of positive chronotropic effect of the some compounds of the Examples (relative values when the
value of the reference compound (AJ 9677) is counted as 1)

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